

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
January 15, 2008**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Julie Frazier, Ray Gamma, Steve Lee,
Jerry Marsalli, Cynthia Owens, Chuck Seymour

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Lio Francisco (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: George Friedenbach, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation

GUESTS: Michael Hyams, Barbara Fairburn, Marilyn Keever,
Barbara Mordy, Nick Arnett, Jim Crouch, Estela Ramirez,
Kathy Watanabe, Roger Ramirez

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Marsalli, seconded by Commissioner Gamma, referring to the Council Ad Hoc Facilities Naming Committee a recommendation to name Central Park softball field #1, “Tony Sanchez Field at Bob Fatjo Sports Center” in honor of retired employee Tony Sanchez, and to direct the City Manager to prepare a plaque to be placed at the field in Tony’s honor.

- I. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Chuck Seymour.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF December 11, 2007 – Approved as written.
- III. SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – The Commission reviewed City Council actions pertaining to Parks and Recreation.
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION – The Commission received a request to name a softball field in honor of Tony Sanchez and a request to expand the small dog area at the Reed Street Dog Park.
- V. COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS – Commissioner Frazier attended the American Legion breakfast.

Commissioner Gamma attended Larry Wolfe’s retirement reception, American Legion breakfast and visited dog parks in the South Bay area.

Commissioner Lee reported he has been contacted by the San Francisco 49ers and the Good Tidings Foundation regarding a donation of fitness equipment for youth.

Commissioner Marsalli reported on the Veterans Memorial Committee presentation of memorial coins to City Council and distinguished City staff.

Commissioner Owens attended Larry Wolfe's retirement reception and reported on Swim Club ideas for fundraising options for the ISC project. Reported she is attending the next Leadership Santa Clara course.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Art and Wine Festival - No action.
- B. Program Report - George Friedenbach reviewed status of 2008 Winter/Spring registration.
- C. Project Update – George Friedenbach reviewed current project status.
- D. Park Fees – George Friedenbach reported Council approved recommendation to have staff develop a park fee report and proposal during the FY 2008/09 budget development.
- E. CPRS Conference – Commissioner Lee confirmed his conference reservations are complete.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Dog Park Expansion – Barbara Mordy, Marilyn Keever, Michael Hyams, and Nick Arnett addressed their desire to expand the small dog area of the Reed Street Dog Park – 888 Reed Street. After discussion the commission asked staff to report at the February meeting on issues raised.
- B. Citizen Requests - Request to name a field in honor of Tony Sanchez. Jim Crouch, former ASA umpire, gave a presentation recommending to the commission for a softball field to be named in honor of Tony Sanchez. A motion was made by Commissioner Marsalli, seconded by Commissioner Gamma, referring to the Council Ad Hoc Facilities Naming Committee a recommendation to name Central Park softball field #1, "Tony Sanchez Field at Bob Fatjo Sports Center" in honor of retired employee Tony Sanchez, and to direct the City Manager to prepare a plaque to be placed at the field in Tony's honor.

VIII. Public Presentations – Estella Ramirez, Kathy Watanabe, and Roger Ramirez, addressed the commission to request a community center in Live Oak Park in conjunction with the planned library. Commission requested this be placed on the February agenda for discussion.

IX. Adjourned to the next regular scheduled meeting, February 19, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Manager Staff Conference Room.

Prepared by:

George Friedenbach
Acting Director of Parks and Recreation

Steve Lee
Secretary